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"Simon is an extraordinary barrister, wise beyond his years, with an unerring commitment to his cases. He seems to have an infinite capacity to produce flawless work and inspires the confidence of his leaders and clients. He will go far."

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Simon Paul has a broad commercial litigation and arbitration practice across the full range of Fountain Court's practice areas.

He is ranked in *Legal 500* as a leading junior where he is described as "an extraordinary barrister, wise beyond his years" and "an absolutely first-rate junior".

Simon acts both alone and as part of larger teams in heavy commercial trials/arbitrations. He has experience in substantial trials, is frequently instructed in appeals to the Court of Appeal, and has appeared as junior counsel in the Supreme Court. Recent reported appellate judgments include cases in the following practice areas: banking and finance, insurance, sanctions and privilege.

Simon has significant experience as sole advocate, and appears unled in a range of Courts and Tribunals. Simon frequently acts in cases involving injunctions, and has substantial experience in applying for and responding to freezing orders and related relief.

Many of Simon's cases involve issues of foreign law and jurisdiction, and current and recent matters include cases raising UAE, Georgian, French, Russian, Italian and Cyprus law issues.

Simon is one of three editors of *MacGillivray on Insurance Law* (since 2016), and a contributor to *Lissack & Horlick on Bribery and Corruption*.

Simon combines a broad commercial litigation and arbitration practice with commercial crime/investigations work, and is appointed to the SFO's Panel of External Counsel (Proceeds of Crime, Panel B), and also to the CPS Advocate Panel.

Simon is a registered practitioner in the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC).

Recent Highlights

Russian Aircraft Claims Trial

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Acting for war risks insurers in claims under war risks policies brought by lessors of aircraft operating in Russia at the time of invasion of Ukraine (led by James Cutress KC). 12-week trial in late 2024, in claims with combined value of circa. US\$4.5 billion. One of the Lawyer's Top 20 cases of 2024.

Al Sadeq v Dechert & Ors; Quzmar v Dechert & Ors

Acting for claimants in claims against international law firm and current and former partners brought under UAE law arising out of investigation into alleged frauds in the Emirate of Ras Al-Khaimah, UAE (with John Brisby KC and Alastair Tomson). Acting (with Tamara Oppenheimer KC) on privilege appeal to Court of Appeal giving rise to leading authority on iniquity exception and the availability of litigation privilege to non-parties: *Al Sadeq v Dechert & Ors* [2024] K.B. 1038.

PJSC National Bank Trust v Mints [2022] 1 WLR 3099; [2024] K.B. 559

Acting for First to Fourth Defendants in circa US\$850m dispute concerning alleged frauds in the context of refinancing transactions with formerly private Russian banks, giving rise to leading authority on impact of Russia sanctions regime on litigation (permission to appeal granted by the Supreme Court), and important judgment on issue estoppel/abuse of process in international arbitration. See [here](#).

Banca Intesa v Comune di Venezia [2023] Bus LR 384; [2024] Bus. L.R. 228

Appearing for an Italian Municipal authority ("Venice"), in circa €125 million swaps dispute raising complex issues of capacity, private international law and restitution (with Raymond Cox KC and Marcus Field). Four-day appeal to Court of Appeal heard in October 2023.

FCA Business Interruption Insurance test case [2021] A.C. 649

Acting (with Ben Lynch KC and Nathalie Koh) for the Hiscox Action Group in appeal to Supreme Court in landmark test case concerning whether policies respond to COVID-19 related losses.

Expertise

Administrative & Public Law

Notable Administrative & Public Law cases

Instructed (with Sir Francis Jacobs) in two applications before the European Court of Human Rights against the Russian Federation (Articles 3, 5 and 6) arising from the imprisonment of airport staff following a terrorist incident at Domodedovo Airport in 2011.



Aviation & Travel

Notable Aviation & Travel cases

Substantial experience acting as sole counsel in relation to claims under Regulation 261/2004, the Montreal Convention, and in relation to airlines' Conditions of Carriage.

Russian Aircraft Claims

Acting for war risks insurers in claims under aviation war risks policy brought by lessors of aircraft operating in Russia at the time of invasion of Ukraine. One of the Lawyer's Top 20 cases of 2024.

Goddard v Etihad

Acting for an airline as the successful respondent in an appeal concerning whether pilot sickness is an extraordinary circumstance under Regulation 261/2004.

Acting (with Akhil Shah KC) in confidential aerospace arbitration.

Acting for the claimant in a helicopter pilot's negligence claim, arising from engine over-speed (with John Taylor KC).

Banking & Finance

Simon has obtained experience in a wide range of banking and finance matters.

Notable Banking & Finance cases

Banca Intesa v Comune di Venezia [2023] Bus LR 384; [2024] Bus. L.R. 228

Appearing for Italian Municipal authority ("Venice"), in circa €125 million swaps dispute raising complex issues of capacity, private international law and restitution (with Raymond Cox KC and Marcus Field). Four-day appeal heard by Court of Appeal in October 2023.

PJSC National Bank Trust v Mints [2022] 1 W.L.R. 3099; [2024] K.B. 559

Acting for Second and Third Defendants in circa US\$850m dispute concerning refinancing transactions entered into with formerly private Russian banks (with Laurence Rabinowitz KC, Sebastian Isaac KC and Niranjana Venkatesan).

X v Y



Confidential arbitration addressing quantum issues arising out of corporate bond refinancing transaction (with Simon Colton KC).

JP Morgan "London Whale"

Instructed (with Richard Lissack KC and Farhaz Khan) to act for a former synthetic credit derivatives trader alleged to have mismarked the trading book in the context of circa. \$9 billion trading losses, leading to US and UK regulatory and criminal proceedings.

Re A Bank

Acting (with Richard Lissack KC and Robin Löff) in dispute under SPA concerning purchase of a bank. Expedited trial directed by Commercial Court.

Acting for Italian local authority in jurisdictional dispute concerning claim for declaratory relief brought by bank.

Claims under the Consumer Credit Act 1974

Acting for a bank in a successful strike out application concerning the effect of the transitional provisions of the Consumer Credit Act 2006.

Substantial experience in PPI related claims, including issues of limitation and the FCA redress scheme.

Claims in relation to fraudulent payments

Advising and appearing in claims arising from fraudulent payments, including under the Payment Services Regulations 2009.

Three-month secondment in the Financial Markets and Commercial Disputes Group of Dentons UKMEA LLP, gaining wide experience in litigation concerning interest rate hedging products and other financial instruments.

Advising in relation to potential claims arising out of financing of luxury property portfolios (with Richard Lissack KC).

Civil Fraud

Simon has experience in a variety of civil fraud matters as both sole and junior counsel, including claims involving allegations of deceit, dishonest assistance, knowing receipt, undue influence, bribery and breach of fiduciary duty, and he appeared in the leading authority at Court of Appeal level concerning dishonesty in civil fraud. In recognition of his experience in civil fraud (and related criminal issues), Simon has been appointed to the SFO's Panel of external counsel (Proceeds of Crime, Panel B), and is a contributor to Lissack & Horlick on *Bribery and Corruption*.



Notable Civil Fraud cases

Group Seven Litigation

Instructed (with Jeffrey Chapman KC and Simon Atrill) in claims in dishonest assistance, knowing receipt and conspiracy against multiple defendants (including a firm of solicitors and a Swiss bank) arising out of a €100 million fraud. Simon appeared for the successful claimants in 40-day Chancery Division trial ([2018] P.N.L.R. 6) and five-day appeal to the Court of Appeal ([2019] 3 W.L.R. 1011), a leading authority on dishonesty in civil fraud post-Ivey and vicarious liability in commercial fraud.

PJSC National Bank Trust v Mints [2022] 1 W.L.R. 3099

Acting for Second and Third Defendants in circa US\$850m dispute concerning alleged frauds in the context of refinancing transactions with formerly private Russian banks (with Laurence Rabinowitz KC, Sebastian Isaac KC and Niranjana Venkatesan). Claims governed by Russian law.

Karam Al Sadeq/Jihad Quzmar v Dechert LLP & Ors

Instructed (with John Brisby KC and Alastair Tomson) for claimants in two claims under UAE law against Dechert LLP and current or former partners, arising out of investigation into alleged civil and criminal fraud in Ras Al-Khaimah.

Mikadze v Dechert & Ors

Claim against international law firm and others brought under Georgian law concerning alleged misconduct in context of investigation into alleged frauds committed in Ras-Al-Khaimah (with Alastair Tomson).

Acting (with Charles Béar KC and Alexander Milner KC) in a confidential LCIA arbitration and related High Court proceedings, arising out of an alleged fraud on a Russian bank, with quantum of in the region of \$500 million, culminating in a five-week remote trial in August 2020.

Acting (with Richard Lissack KC) in unlawful means conspiracy claim arising from restructuring of major multinational.

Acting for the defendants in a claim involving allegations of bribery / breach of fiduciary duty arising from the award of procurement contracts in the construction industry, including freezing and disclosure orders (with Charles Béar KC and John Brisby KC).

Instructed by the claimant as sole counsel in a claim in deceit and breach of fiduciary duty brought against a professional trustee in relation to misappropriation of trust assets, including an application for a freezing order.

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Acting as sole counsel for claimant in international fraud claim against multiple defendants involving permission to serve out in three jurisdictions.

Acting as sole counsel for the defendant/respondent in tracing / knowing receipt claim arising from a £33 million fraud in respect of a film financing scheme.

Acting (with Robin Barclay KC) for the defendants in a multi-jurisdictional civil fraud claim arising out of an allegedly fraudulent peer-to-peer lending scheme, with related criminal proceedings.

Commercial Crime

Simon has significant experience in the field of commercial crime. He is appointed to the SFO Panel of Counsel (Proceeds of Crime, Panel B) and has general prosecution experience as a CPS Advocate Panel Member.

He is also a contributor to *Lissack & Horlick on Bribery* (Third Edition, 2020) (Chapter on Criminal Sentence and Regulatory Sanctions, with Robin Barclay KC).

Simon has considerable experience advising on issues concerning the UK sanctions relating to Russia.

Notable Commercial Crime cases

Karam Al Sadeq/Jihad Quzmar v Dechert LLP & Ors

Instructed (with Edward Fitzgerald KC, John Brisby KC and Alastair Tomson) for claimants in two claims under UAE law against Dechert LLP and current or former partners, arising out of their conduct of investigation into alleged criminal and civil frauds, and in related privilege issues arising in a global investigation context (with Tamara Oppenheimer KC). Judgment in Al Sadeq claim addressing novel privilege issues handed down by the Court of Appeal in January 2024 (see [here](#)) (with Tamara Oppenheimer KC).

PJSC National Bank Trust v Mints [2024] K.B. 559

Appearing in four-day hearing in Commercial Court to address significant issues concerning the application of the Russia sanctions regime, including the ownership and control provisions, and the scope of the asset freeze restrictions as applied to two Russian state-owned banks (with Laurence Rabinowitz KC and Niranjana Venkatesan), giving rise to leading authority on impact of Russia sanctions regime on litigation. Four-day appeal to Court of Appeal in July 2023 (permission to appeal granted by the Supreme Court).

JP Morgan "London Whale"

Instructed (with Richard Lissack KC and Farhaz Khan) to act for a former synthetic credit derivatives trader alleged to have mismarked the trading book in the context of circa. \$9 billion trading losses leading to US and UK regulatory and criminal proceedings.



Bribery investigation

Instructed in relation to a multi-jurisdictional bribery investigation by a large multi-national company, advising on cross-jurisdictional self-reporting issues (with Richard Lissack KC).

Re A Bank

Acting (with Richard Lissack KC and Robin Lööf) for purchaser of bank alleged to have links with organised crime.

Instructed (with Richard Lissack KC and Eleanor Davison) in the successful defence of a corporate insurer in the first prosecution under s.56(2) Data Protection Act 1998, following a jury trial at Southwark Crown Court.

Instructed (with Richard Lissack KC) by the corporate defendant in a health and safety prosecution under s.33(1)(c) Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

Commercial Disputes

Simon has experience in a wide range of commercial disputes, including advising on the interpretation of contractual provisions in a broad range of sectors, and acting in several matters involving allegations of breach of confidence.

Notable Commercial Disputes cases

Karam Al Sadeq/Jihad Quzmar v Dechert LLP & Ors

Instructed (with John Brisby KC and Alastair Tomson) for claimants in two claims under UAE law against Dechert LLP and current or former partners, arising out of Dechert's representation of the sovereign wealth fund of RAK.

PJSC National Bank Trust v Mints [2022] 1 WLR 3099; [2024] K.B. 559

Acting for First to Fourth Defendants in circa US\$850m dispute concerning alleged frauds in the context of refinancing transactions with formerly private Russian banks, giving rise to leading authority on impact of Russia sanctions regime on litigation (permission to appeal granted by the Supreme Court), and important judgment on issue estoppel/abuse of process in international arbitration. See [here](#).

Re A Bank

Acting (with Richard Lissack KC and Robin Lööf) in dispute under SPA for purchase of a bank. Expedited trial of Part 8 Claim directed by Commercial Court.

Instructed by the claimant (with Derrick Dale KC) in a substantial claim in (inter alia) breach of confidence arising out of property development scheme.

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Goodlife Foods Ltd v Hall Fire Protection Ltd [2018] EWCA Civ 1371; [2018] B.L.R. 491

Acting for the successful respondent in the appeal to the Court of Appeal concerning UCTA 1977 in a claim arising out of the supply of a fire suppressant system (with Leigh-Ann Mulcahy KC).

Advising and acting as sole counsel in multiple claims brought against shipbuilding group under parent company guarantees.

Tandem Properties Ltd v Sheffield City Council 2024] EWHC 1926 (Ch)

Acting as sole counsel in claims for misrepresentation and other causes of action against local authority concerning regeneration of Sheffield City Centre.

Instructed as sole counsel for the defendants in a breach of confidence claim, including allegations of breaches of post-employment restrictive covenants / injunctive relief for alleged misuse of confidential information and trade secrets.

Acting as sole counsel for the defendant in Chancery Division proceedings involving claims and counterclaim arising out of a joint venture agreement in relation to sale and importation of textiles and related stock.

Crossroads Corporate Finance (UK) LLP v Ontario Management Ltd [2025] EWHC 1011 (Comm)

Acting as sole counsel in claim in (*inter alia*) unjust enrichment and breach of confidence arising from M&A transaction in chilled and frozen foods sector, including challenge to English Court's jurisdiction.

Acting as sole counsel in claim in (*inter alia*) unjust enrichment and breach of confidence arising from M&M transaction in chilled and frozen foods sector.

Instructed as sole counsel by a firm of accountants in relation to a claim against a former client for breach of retainer.

Instructed as sole counsel in ongoing Chancery Division proceedings arising from sale and purchase of a French company (claims governed by French law).

Commercial Disputes - Injunctions

Simon has experience, both led and as sole counsel, in applying for and responding to applications for interim injunctive relief, including freezing orders and springboard injunctions.

Notable Commercial Disputes - Injunctions cases

Acting for the respondent (with Charles Béar KC) in return date for application for freezing and disclosure orders arising out of a bribery claim, raising novel issues of the scope of the *Norwich Pharmacal* jurisdiction and ancillary disclosure orders.

Acting for the applicant (as sole counsel) in an application for a freezing order concerning claims in deceit and breach of fiduciary duty brought by a settlor of a trust against a professional trustee.

Acting for the applicant (as sole counsel) in an application for an interim injunction in a claim for breach of a financial broker's exclusive agency agreement.

Acting for the respondent (as sole counsel) in an application for post-judgment disclosure of worldwide assets.

Acting for the respondent (as sole counsel) in an application for a worldwide freezing order/proprietary injunction and ancillary disclosure orders in a £33 million claim in relation to a film financing scheme. The application raised issues about the interaction between civil freezing jurisdiction and criminal confiscation orders.

Aquinas v Miller [2018] I.R.L.R. 518

Acting for the applicant (with Adam Tolley KC) in an application for an injunction to recover, erase and restrain the misuse of confidential information, including interim springboard relief, in a claim arising out of a scheme whereby employees set up a competitor company and diverted business opportunities during their employment.

Financial Services

Notable Financial Services cases

Banca Intesa v Comune di Venezia [2022] EWHC 2586 (Comm)

Appearing for the successful defendant, an Italian Municipal authority ("Venice"), in circa €125m swaps dispute raising complex issues of capacity, private international law and restitution (with Raymond Cox KC and Marcus Field).

PJSC National Bank Trust v Mints [2022] 1 W.L.R. 3099

Acting for Second and Third Defendants in circa US\$850m dispute concerning complex corporate bond transactions entered into with formerly private Russian banks (with Laurence Rabinowitz KC and Niranjana Venkatesan).



JP Morgan London Whale

Instructed (with Richard Lissack KC and Farhaz Khan) in relation to an appeal to the Court of Appeal from a decision of the Upper Tribunal concerning identification under s.393 FSMA: [2018] EWCA Civ 71.

Acting for FCA (with Clare Sibson KC) in enforcement action concerning fund manager.

Insurance & Reinsurance

Simon acts for policyholders and insurers in a wide range of insurance disputes, in both litigation and arbitration. Simon has been instructed in some of the most high-profile insurance disputes in recent years, including business interruption claims arising out of the Coronavirus pandemic (*FCA Test Case* and *Various Eateries*), and claims under war risks policies in respect of foreign owned aircraft located in Russia at the time of the invasion of Ukraine. Simon has been one of three editors of *MacGillivray on Insurance Law* since 2016, and regularly gives seminars to law firms about insurance law and related topics.

Notable Insurance & Reinsurance cases

FCA Business Interruption Insurance test case [2021] A.C. 649

Acting (with Ben Lynch KC and Nathalie Koh) for the Hiscox Action Group in appeal to Supreme Court in landmark test case concerning whether policies respond to COVID-19 related losses.

Various Eateries [2024] Bus. L.R. 810

Acting (with Leigh-Ann Mulcahy KC) in appeal to Court of Appeal following consecutive trials (*Stonegate* and *Greggs*) addressing various business interruption coverage issues including aggregation in respect of COVID-19 related losses. Four-day appeal to Court of Appeal in November 2023.

Russian Aircraft Claims

Acting for war risks insurers in claim under war risks policy for circa US\$750m brought by lessors of aircraft operating in Russia at the time of invasion of Ukraine (with James Cutress KC). Listed for joint 'mega trial' with other lessor claims of combined value circa. US\$4.5 billion. One of the Lawyer's Top 20 Cases of 2024.

Acting for policyholders in confidential arbitration concerning COVID-19 related losses (with Ben Lynch KC and Nathalie Koh).

Acting and advising the claimant in a claim under the Third Party (Rights Against Insurers) Act 2010, arising from a liability policy.



Instructed as sole counsel to advise an insured in relation to limitation and coverage issues arising out of a property insurance policy.

Advising in claims concerning COVID-19 related business interruption losses (as sole counsel).

Acting in LCIA arbitration concerning claim under W&I insurance policy (with Ben Lynch KC).

Acting (with Akhil Shah KC) for insurer in Bermuda Form dispute.

Acting (with Akhil Shah KC) for insurer in confidential ICC insurance arbitration.

Instructed by a major airport in a claim against primary and excess layer insurers and a broker in a dispute arising out of the construction of a multi-story car park (with Nik Yeo and David Johnson).

Advising (with James Cutress KC) the insured in relation to coverage issues arising out of excess public and products liability policy.

International Arbitration

Simon frequently acts as sole counsel and as part of larger teams in international arbitrations under all of the major institutional rules and in related Court applications. He has recently appeared in two reported cases concerning the interrelationship between English seated international arbitrations and Commercial Court proceedings.

Notable International Arbitration cases

PJSC National Bank Trust v Mints [2022] 1 W.L.R. 3099

Acting for successful respondents in application to introduce findings made in parallel arbitration on grounds of issue estoppel, privity and abuse of process (with Laurence Rabinowitz KC and Niranjana Venkatesan), in context of circa US\$850m dispute concerning alleged frauds on formerly private Russian banks.

CDE v NOP [2022] 4 W.L.R. 6

Acting (with Laurence Rabinowitz KC) for successful respondents in anonymised appeal to Court of Appeal concerning arbitral confidentiality and open justice.

A v B

Acting (with Charles Béar KC and Alexander Milner KC) in five-week remote LCIA arbitration in August 2020,



concerning an alleged fraud on a Russian bank, with quantum in the region of \$500 million.

X v Y

Acting (with Charles Béar KC) for the successful claimant in confidential LCIA arbitration claiming circa \$190 million in a dispute arising out of agreements relating to the division of international assets.

X v Y

Acting (with Simon Colton KC) in confidential quantum arbitration arising from corporate bond refinancing transaction.

Acting (as sole counsel) in UNCITRAL arbitration concerning telecommunications sector.

Acting (with Alastair Tomson) in claim seeking rescission of English law governed arbitration agreement on grounds of fraudulent misrepresentation.

Instructed (as sole counsel) for the successful defendants in an ad hoc international arbitration concerning a dispute about allegedly contaminated medical supplements, involving issues of illegality and misrepresentation.

Instructed (as sole counsel) to advise in relation to a potential LCIA arbitration concerning breach of a concession agreement, with quantum in the region of \$250 million.

Privilege, Confidentiality & Conflicts of Interest

Simon frequently advises and acts in cases raising complex privilege issues.

Notable Privilege, Confidentiality & Conflicts of Interest cases

Karam Al Sadeq v Dechert LLP & Ors: [2023] EWHC 795 (KB) and [2024] EWCA Civ 28

Appearing (with Tamara Oppenheimer KC) in two- day hearing in 2021 concerning various privilege issues (including a challenge under the crime-fraud/iniquity exception) in the context of an investigation into alleged criminal and civil fraud in Ras Al-Khaimah. Appeal to Court of Appeal in November 2023, addressing issues of litigation privilege, legal advice privilege and the iniquity exception, with judgment handed down in January 2024 (see [here](#)).

Appearing (with Charles Béar KC) in challenge to LAP/LiP under the crime-fraud/iniquity exception in confidential commercial arbitration.



Frequently instructed to advise on LPP issues arising in context of disclosure reviews.

Product Liability

Reported Product Liability cases

Goodlife Foods Ltd v Hall Fire Protection Ltd[2018] EWCA Civ 1371; [2018] B.L.R. 491

Acting for the successful respondent in the appeal to the Court of Appeal concerning UCTA 1977 in a claim arising out of the supply of a fire suppressant system (with Leigh-Ann Mulcahy KC).

Notable Product Liability cases

Acting for defendant in claim arising from contamination at water treatment works.

Professional Discipline

Notable Professional Discipline cases

SRA v Naqvi [2020] EWHC 1394 (Admin); [2020] All ER (D) 10 (Jun)

Acting as sole counsel for the SRA as successful respondent to an appeal from a SDT decision striking off a solicitor, involving issues of entrapment.

SRA v Signey

Instructed by SRA (with Edward Levey KC) in a three-day hearing in the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal concerning the failed Axiom fund.

Acting for FCA (with Clare Sibson KC) in enforcement action concerning fund manager.

Professional Negligence

Notable Professional Negligence cases

Instructed (with Stephen Moriarty KC) to advise a Magic Circle law firm concerning liability in professional negligence arising from a M&A transaction.

Acting (with Nik Yeo and David Johnson) for the claimant in an insurance broker's negligence claim arising from



alleged failure to notify claims.

Instructed (as sole counsel) to advise in a potential claim against conveyancing solicitors in relation to failure to disclose sub-sales to the lender during a mortgage application process.

Acting (with John Taylor KC) in a helicopter pilot's negligence claim arising from engine overspeed.

Sanctions

Simon frequently advises and acts in cases raising issues concerning sanctions, and has appeared in the leading Court of Appeal authority on the Russia sanctions regime.

Notable Sanctions cases

PJSC National Bank Trust v Mints [2024] K.B. 559

Appearing in leading case (at first instance and in the Court of Appeal) concerning interpretation of Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, addressing various issues arising from the sanctioning of a Russian state-owned bank in relation to ongoing civil proceedings, including issues of licensing, ownership and control and the lawfulness of the Court entering judgment in favour of a designated person.

Acting/advising in claims involving interpretation of sanctions exclusions in insurance policies.

Acting in a variety of commercial disputes where sanctions are raised a defence.

Advising companies on compliance with UK sanctions regimes.

Directory Quotes

"Absolutely first-rate junior – partners completely trust his work and judgement. Wise beyond his years and serious minded, yet with an excellent bedside manner – a superb barrister."

Legal 500

"Simon strengths are his strong drafting skills and his ability to form coherent and convincing written arguments that are then delivered persuasively in both in person and remote hearings."



Legal 500

"An amazing barrister; combines legal intellect with great judgement; a complete pleasure to work with; faultless drafting; a team player; wise beyond his years."

Legal 500

"Simon is a brilliant junior. His written work is superb. Clients completely trust him and rely on him heavily - his advocacy is clear and convincing. He is highly intelligent and a good pick for anyone with a high value and difficult case."

Legal 500

Directory Rankings

Legal 500

- Banking & Finance
- Business & Regulatory Crime (including Global Investigations)
- Insurance & Reinsurance

Education

- LLM, Harvard Law School (2014)
- Bar Professional Training Course, Kaplan Law School, Very Competent (modules graded Outstanding included Advanced Civil, Civil Advocacy and Commercial) (2013)
- GDL, BPP Law School, Distinction (2012)
- MPhil, Political Thought and Intellectual History, Robinson College, Cambridge (2011)
- BSc (Hons.), Philosophy, Logic & Scientific Method, London School of Economics & Political Science, First Class Honours (2009)

International Bar / Court Appointments

- Registered practitioner of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC).



Appointments, Memberships and Prizes

- Harvard Law School, Dean's Scholar Prize, International Commercial Arbitration
- Harvard Law School, Dean's Scholar Prize, Global Law & Governance
- Gray's Inn, Mould Scholarship (Senior Scholarship for Pupillage)
- Gray's Inn, Bedingfield Scholarship
- Gray's Inn, CPE Award
- Kaplan Law School, Marina Catovsky Scholarship
- BPP Law School, Dean's Scholarship
- Winner of Gray's Inn Moot Competition 2013/Richard Du Cann Prize for Excellence in Advocacy
- Three-month secondment in Financial Markets and Commercial Disputes Group of Dentons UKMEA LLP (October to December 2015).
- Harvard Law School Prison Legal Assistant Project, Student Attorney. Provided advocacy to prison inmates in disciplinary hearings.
- Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2014, Judge at International Rounds of public international law mooting competition, held in Washington DC
- Advisor at Bethnal Green Legal Advice Centre (October 2015 to October 2016).
- Bar Pro Bono Unit, Panel Member.
- CPS Advocate Panel Member, 2020-2024
- Appointed to the SFO's Proceeds of Crime Panel B, 2020-2024

Publications

- *MacGillivray on Insurance Law*, co-author/editor (since 1st Supplement to 13th Edition, 2016)
- *Lissack & Horlick on Bribery* (Third Edition, 2020), contributor (chapter on Criminal Sentence and Regulatory Sanctions, with Robin Barclay QC)
- "Governing from the Margins: the European Court of Human Rights' Margin of Appreciation Doctrine as a Tool of Global Governance", *Croatian Yearbook of European Law and Policy*, Vol 12 (2016)
- "Cross Examination by Multiple Counsel", co-authored (with Henry King), *Counsel Magazine*, July 2015

Languages

- French (intermediate)
- Turkish (advanced)

Awards

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